

GENESEE DISTRICT LIBRARY BOARD MEETING

At

Genesee District Library Headquarters

5:30 p.m.

4195 West Pasadena Avenue

Flint, MI 48504

January 27, 2020

Minutes

- Call to Order: 5:30 p.m.
- Present: Bennett, Conerly-Moon, Hostetler, Jones, Ryals-Massey and Towarnicky.
- Also Present: C. Stritmatter (Corporation Counsel), D. Conklin, J. Klich and A. Goldyn.
- Absent: Crites.
- Public Comments: None.
- Approval of
Consent Agenda: V. Conerly-Moon moved to approve the consent agenda. Motion supported by S. Jones. Motion carried unanimously.
- Board Development: Nothing to report.
- MMLC: Nothing to report.
- Corporation Counsel: C. Stritmatter stated that the stolen Blu-ray and 4k discs have been returned. D. Conklin gave more background information about the situation and stated the patron involved has been permanently banned from all GDL locations.
- C. Stritmatter stated that a letter is being sent to Davison Township to opt out of the DDA.
- GDL Foundation: J. Towarnicky stated that she attended her first meeting in December and is impressed with the group. She stated that the group has raised almost \$12,000 by selling old DVDs. She also stated the group voted to donate \$1,000 to support the Black History Month Brunch.
- Written Reports: D. Hostetler commented on the bed bug training for staff. D. Conklin stated that the procedures were put in place after a neighboring library system had a problem. He further explained GDL's procedure if bugs are found.
- L. Ryals-Massey stated she would like an abbreviated description of the GDL-U classes listed in the reports.
- D. Hostetler inquired what happens to any operating surplus at the end of the year and A. Goldyn replied it goes into the general fund.
- Monthly Statistics: L. Ryals-Massey stated she hopes the statistics could be changed to show a value-add. D. Conklin stated he could try to change it so it's more meaningful to the board.
- Finance Committee: Nothing to report.

Personnel/Policy
Committee:

S. Bennett stated that there will be a meeting on February 13th at 4 p.m. at the Grand Blanc location to discuss the strategic plan. She also stated that the Director's evaluation forms are due on January 31st.

Headquarters Name
Change:

D. Conklin stated that he and L. Ryals-Massey gave presentations at the Genesee County Board of Commissioners and Grand Blanc Township meetings regarding the name change. The County Commissioners made a motion to support it; however, one Commissioner did not know W. Delaney and wasn't comfortable agreeing to the change so the motion was withdrawn. D. Conklin stated he would be willing to meet with any of the County Commissioners to give them more information about W. Delaney, but has not been contacted. He stated that Grand Blanc Township Officials were immediately supportive of the name change and made a motion to the effect. He stated that the issue will mostly likely appear on the County Commissioners' March agenda. L. Ryals-Massey stated that we still intend to move forward with the name change; however, she would like to have both of our founding sponsors on board with the idea.

Health Care Savings
Program:

D. Conklin stated that as part of the recent collective bargaining agreement negotiations, it was agreed upon that any employees hired on or after January 1, 2020 will not receive GDL paid healthcare upon retirement. He stated that they will have a health care savings account to save money to put towards their future healthcare expenses. He stated that this will help reduce, and eventually eliminate, GDL's Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) liability. S. Jones moved to accept the resolution to set up the health care savings program. Motion supported by J. Towarnicky. Roll call: ayes – Bennett, Conerly-Moon, Hostetler, Jones, Ryals-Massey and Towarnicky; nays – none.

2019 Budget
Amendments:

A. Goldyn stated that the budget amendments are budget neutral and do not increase or decrease the overall totals. S. Jones moved to approve the budget amendments. Motion supported by S. Bennett. Roll call: ayes – Bennett, Conerly-Moon, Hostetler, Jones, Ryals-Massey and Towarnicky; nays – none.

Board Comments:

S. Bennett stated that she recently attended an open house at the Holy Family Catholic School in Grand Blanc. She stated that the school's librarian is very involved with our Grand Blanc location and makes sure that every 7th grader has a library card.

D. Hostetler mentioned the December agenda had some incorrect information.

S. Jones reminded everyone about Saturday's Black History Month Brunch. A. Goldyn stated she needs to know which board members will be attending. L. Ryals-Massey stated it would be nice to have as many board members there as possible since W. Delaney will be receiving a special award.

L. Ryals-Massey stated the Genesee County Board of Commissioners has implemented a new committee to search/review for candidates as GDL board members. She stated that hopefully it won't take too long to replace M. Armstrong.

Adjournment:

S. Jones moved to adjourn at 6:02 p.m. Motion supported by J. Towarnicky.